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GROWTH OF NEW MANGALORE PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Mangalore Port has witnessed growth in the container cargo and the rail-bound traffic during the first nine months of the financial year 2006-07 as against the previous year 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether commissioning of Hassan-Mangalore railway line for freight traffic in May, 2006 has also helped in the growth of rail-bound traffic to the port;

(d) if so, whether the old railway lines have been strengthened at the railway marshalling yard at Panambur; and

(e) if so, the efforts being made by the Union Government to improve the situation in the New Mangalore Port?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e): During the first nine months of 2006-07, New Mangalore Port handled 13,320 TEUs container cargo and 21,45,218 tonnes of rail bound cargo, including 8,26,882 tonnes moved through the Hassan-Mangalore railway line. As against this, the Port handled 9,646 TEUs container cargo and 8,99,500 tonnes rail bound cargo during the corresponding period in 2005-06. The existing Railway lines in the marshalling yard have been strengthened.

Improvement of infrastructure, equipment and operational procedures to meet the traffic requirements is an ongoing process. In respect of New Mangalore Port, these include widening of National Highways (NH-17 and NH-48) providing road connectivity to the Port and development of a mechanised Iron-ore handling facility and a Coal jetty.